

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surgical instrument, includes an elongate housing having two housing parts. Disposed between the housing parts is a support arm having one axial end connected to the housing parts. A functional unit is secured to the other axial end of the support arm and includes a rod and an operating member acted upon by the rod, when the housing parts are squeezed together. A force-transmitting unit having an adjusting member is operatively connected to the rod, for translating a movement of the housing parts in a direction substantially transverse to the support arm, as the housing parts are squeezed together, into a linear axial movement of the adjusting member, to thereby actuate the operating member.